

COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, November 2, 1979

Present: J. Chaikelson, Chairman, D. Taddeo, M. Cohen, R. Wall, J. Princz, R. Martin, M. Armstrong, B. Barkman, M. Brian, C. Campbell, S. Dubas, T. Gray, H. Habib, A. Hamalian, K. Kornblatt, K. Kusano, J. Lightstone, J. Macaluso, M. Malik, S. McEvenue, S. Mullett, D. Murphy, B. Petrie, C. Nish, E. Preston, J. Ryan, B. Sahni, G.P. Sassano, S. Scheinberg, B. Slack, R. Tekel, R. Kepes, C. Torchia.

Absent with Regrets: M. Euvrard, D. Haccoun, M. Uprichard.

Guests: M. Taylor, representing Applied Social Science

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chairman asked to have the report on Undergraduate Residence Requirements (ASC 79-11-D3) placed on the agenda below Item 8. The paper was circulated at the meeting.

79-11-1 It was moved and seconded (Brian/Armstrong) to amend the agenda to include ASC 79-11-D3. Vote: CARRIED

79-11-2 It was moved and seconded (Wall/McEvenue) to remove Item 8, Report on Interdisciplinary Studies (ASC 79-11-D2) from the agenda.

In referring to the report which he had submitted to Steering Committee, Dr. Wall said that discussions which had taken place recently seemed to be fruitful. He said he hoped to continue these talks and that the end result would be a meeting of minds on points of disagreement at this time.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

79-11-3 It was moved and seconded (Brian/McEvenue) to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

Attention was drawn to the fact that in the statement of the election for Division II representation on Steering Committee the name of Prof. Gray should appear.

79-11-4 It was moved and seconded (Ryan/Wall) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 14, 1979 as amended. Vote: CARRIED

79-11-5 It was moved and seconded (Wall/Murphy) to approve the minutes of October 5, 1979. Vote: CARRIED

(To clarify the entry in the minutes on Interdisciplinary Studies, it should be noted that although there were no changes made in the meeting to this section of the document, what was submitted by the Curriculum Committee on BA specialization in Recreation and Leisure was different to that tabled on September 14th).

4. Chairman's Remarks

- a) Dr. Chaikelson reported that the document on the Arts and Science Regulations for Honours (ASC 79-5-D3 revised) which had been mailed with the agenda, was for the information of members and for members of departments. She suggested that it be brought to the attention of Honours Advisors. She noted that there had been some slight editorial changes made, but no changes in content were effected. The report, as approved by Senate, will appear in the Undergraduate Calendar.

b) Honorary Degrees

Nominations for Honorary degrees, to be awarded in the Spring, are to be forwarded in writing to the appropriate Faculty or Divisional Dean by December 14. This will allow for review by Faculty Councils.

- c) Dr. Chaikelson raised the problem, initiated by the Steering Committee, of the difficulty of getting information to Arts and Science senators prior to Senate meetings. The difficulty is that the minutes of Council are not approved until after the Senate meets, therefore, discussions that occur in Council, and motions passed which are relevant to Senate business are not forwarded to our senators in sufficient time for them to be aware of Council's deliberations at the time a similar item is discussed at Senate. The result of this, the Chairman said, was the tendency to rehash the same items in the same way at Senate as has already been done in Council. She added that only two of the seventeen senators from Arts and Science are members of Council.

The Steering Committee had suggested, Dr. Chaikelson said, that the minutes of Council be circulated to senators before they are approved by Council, as an unofficial record of the decisions of Council for the information of senators from the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Dr. Chaikelson said she would return to this subject under 'Other Business' to seek a motion concerning the suggestion.

- d) The Chairman reported on items passed at the last meeting of Senate which were of interest to Council:

- Priority procedure for academic re-evaluation - a means by which the process of re-evaluation can be accelerated for specific courses. These courses must be designated by the faculty and a list will be posted in the Registrar's Office prior to the beginning of the course change period each term. This priority procedure will allow students, who are taking a course which is a pre-requisite to one to be taken in the next term, to receive the results of the re-evaluation before the end of the course change period.
- In the discussion in Senate on Repetition of Courses, the Chairman said recommendations made in Council were considered relevant by Senate and were included in the document which was approved. She read the version which is to appear in the calendar.
- In the course of approving the curriculum in Senate there were two recommendations from U.C.C.C. which were accepted and which are relevant to the operation of Arts and Science
 - a) Changes submitted to Council by the Curriculum Committees will at the same time be sent on to the Chairman of U.C.C.C. who will then try to coordinate areas in which there appears to be overlap.
 - b) in general, more attention be paid to the course numbering sequence as an information system and that appropriate use be made of pre-requisites, either specific or general, in order to assure that students are properly prepared for a given course. Dr. Chaikelson said that U.C.C.C. will be looking into the 200, 300 and 400 numbering and it is hoped that faculty will use the numbering system to provide information to students as to when various courses should be taken.

With regard to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study All Programmes in Linguistics in the Faculty, the Chairman informed the members of Council that a preliminary report from the Committee was tabled at Steering Committee. The report had already been circulated to a number of people for comment and in the light of these comments, steering committee felt that the document should go back to the Ad Hoc Committee for further review, so that the final document to come to Council will take into account the comments of the various committees. It was further felt that for those departments who were concerned, the Ad Hoc Committee should solicit the opinions of these departments who had not yet submitted opinions.

5. Question Period

Dr. Chaikelson said that RAACA had discussed the problems of the telephone system, that specific needs were being discussed with all departments, and that revised recommendations were to be submitted. It was hoped that it would be possible to meet the needs of departments and at the same time reduce the size of the budget.

6. Announcements

a) Special Task Force on Curriculum

Dean Cohen announced that a Special Task Force on Curriculum had been established with a membership of 8: Dean M. Cohen, J. Buell, L. Colebrooke, C. Davis, A. Lajoie, S. McEvenue, J. Stewart, D. Wheeler.

Dr. Cohen said the Task Force will attempt, as part of its mandate to articulate, within the context of the present structure of the Faculty of Arts and Science, the type or types of education, programmes and courses to be offered by the Faculty to meet the challenges of undergraduate education in the nineteen eighties, and the legitimate academic needs and interests of students in Arts and Science as well as in other Faculties.

In the light of the overall principles to be articulated, the Task Force will consider whether recommendations, such as Faculty degree requirements, should be adopted which would provide the academic departments and the smaller units such as 'Colleges' with the opportunity of making a more effective contribution to the development of the Faculty and of realizing the full potential of our resources.

Dr. Cohen concluded by saying that the Task Force is seeking briefs on these matters from any interested individual or group and that submissions should be sent to him before December 7, 1979.

- b) Dr. McEvenue announced that Dr. Charles Davis had joined Lonergan College.

7. Elections (ASC 79-11-D1)

a) Senate Library Committee

Steering Committee's nomination of Prof. Herz (English) to replace Prof. Bodé who had resigned was accepted. It was explained that Dr. Bodé had resigned because there was already one person on the committee from History, and he felt that in the interest of wider representation he should resign.

Prof. Herz was elected by acclamation.

b) Advisory Committees for the Appointment of Department Chairman

The slate of nominees presented by Steering Committee was accepted (ASC 79-11-D1).

The Chairman read the composition of the committees and then called for nominations from the floor.

Prof. Malik nominated Prof. Habib to run for election for the Advisory Committee for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

79-11-6 It was moved and seconded (Brian/Slack) to close nominations.
Vote: CARRIED

Elected by acclamation were: E. Ronquist to the Classics Committee, P. Lightbaum to the English Department Committee, B. Hubbard to Modern Languages and Linguistics, M. Fahey to Philosophy, J. Moore to Economics, W. Reimer to Political Science, R. Wise to Chemistry and R. Aiken to Physics.

An election was held on the first ballot Prof. A. Memamed was elected to the Sociology and Anthropology Department Committee.

8. Undergraduate Residence Requirements (ASC 79-11-D3)

The Chairman said that the document on Undergraduate Residence Requirements was on the agenda for the last meeting of Senate, but had not been discussed and she thought it should be brought to the attention of the members of Council. The Chairman pointed out that there is an honours degree requirement of 30 credits in residence, she said she thought that it should be included in the document under study. Dr. Chaikelson then read a statement from Dr. M. Baldwin, Chairman of the Student Request Committee (ASC 79-11-D4) which spelled out the current practice of that committee.

79-11-7 It was moved and seconded (Nish/Lightstone) to approve the Undergraduate Curriculum Coordinating Committee's recommendation on the new wording on the undergraduate resident requirements.

79-11-8 It was moved and seconded (McEvenue/Ryan) to amend the statement to remove the words 'moving away from Montreal' from the second sentence of the paragraph.
Vote: CARRIED

The question was called on the motion as amended and was CARRIED.

9. Other Business

a) Circulation of Minutes to Arts and Science Senate Members

79-11-9 It was moved and seconded (McEvenue/Brian) to circulate the minutes of Council, before they are approved to the Arts and Science senators.
Vote: CARRIED

10. Next Meeting

November 30, 1979

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. (Cohen/Wall).